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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following preliminary amendments prior to examining the above-identified application.

In the Specification

Please amend the Specification as follows:

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Line 4, Please insert after "is" --a continuation application of co-pending US Patent Application Serial Number 09/413,968, filed October 7, 1999, which is--

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-28 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

Please add the following new claims.

29. A device for applying pressure to a body limb having a primary axis comprising:
first and second inflatable cells, each of the first and second cells including at least three intra-cell compartments; said intra-cell compartments being confluent, each compartment being elongated along a longitudinal axis and being substantially rectangular in shape when deflated and substantially cylindrical in shape when inflated, the longitudinal axes of the compartments